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TO:

WASHINGTON COUNTY CITY AND TOWN OFFICES

FROM:

SHERIFF BARRY CURTIS

RE:

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The enclosed report is a brief account of the activities of the Washington County Sheriff's Office during the first year of my administration. As it is important for the citizens to be informed, I am requesting that this report be included in your annual city/town publication.

In closing, I wish to extend an invitation to contact us with any concerns, comments or suggestions on how we can best serve you and the citizens of your community.

Thank you.

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To the Citizens of Washington County January 2016

The first year of my administration has been full of many challenges and opportunities, but building relationships has been at the center of the major successes that we are proud to celebrate.

During the early fall of 2015, questionnaires were sent to each town in Washington County asking what we could do to better serve the residents. There was an impressive response rate, with all but two or three towns returning the questionnaires. Using the information we gathered, we have explored what the Sheriff's Office can do for the county's citizens. One of the clear requests was for more coverage. We have budgeted for an additional full-time patrol position, which would bring our roster to eleven full-time deputies. We feel this is a great beginning to building our relationships with each town.

In the past, we have had a strong collaboration with the MDEA. We improved our cooperative abilities this year by assigning a second deputy to work with the MDEA in Washington County. In 2015, we assisted in numerous drug investigations, including the discovery of a meth lab in Wesley. We value a continued joint-effort approach to addressing drug issues in our communities.

Besides working with communities and other agencies, we have also worked to renew leadership relationships. I was very happy this year to participate in the Maine Sheriff's Association annual meeting. I also met with the leadership of all law enforcement agencies within the county and discussed how we could assist them. I found this meeting valuable, and I anticipate facilitating a follow-up meeting.

Thank you for your essential support during my first year. I look forward to my

Sheriff Barry Curtis

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